

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, AREA B.
BUILDING C8, ORDNANCE STORAGE No. 2
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HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, AREA B,
BUILDING 63, ORDNANCE STORAGE No. 2

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Location: On corner of 10th and E Streets; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Area B, Dayton Vicinity, Greene County, Ohio.

Date of Construction: 1943.

Present Owner: USAF.

Present Use: Aircraft Survivability Research.

Significance: Ordnance Storage No. 2 was built as the gun range and ordnance storage for the Armament Laboratory during Wright Field's World War II construction boom.

Project History: This report is part of the overall Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Area B documentation project conducted by HAER 1991-1993. See overview report, HAER No. OH-79, for a complete description of the project.

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DESCRIPTION: Ordnance Storage Building No. 2 is a one-story, rectangular building with a flat, parapeted roof with concrete coping. The stretcher bond brick walls contain steel framing. The south entrance has concrete steps leading to double steel doors, and a stairway down to the basement that houses a gun range and the original ammunition storage bunkers.

HISTORY: Built in 1943 as the gun range and ordnance storage for the Armament Laboratory, Building 63 was converted to a bionics laboratory in the 1960s, and currently houses a portion of the Aircraft Survivability Research function. After a lengthy period of disuse, the range in the basement was recently reactivated with a newly installed electric rail gun for aircraft survivability testing.

For bibliography, see Wright-Patterson Air Force Base overview report (HAER No. OH-79).